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ABSTRACT of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted or concerned in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted, or concerned, in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company, to be erected; it is enacted as follows, *viz.*

5th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects, except thoſe Licenſed by the Eaſt-India Company, are prohibited from going to the Eaſt-Indies. — And to the End ſuch Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, the Eaſt-India Company are empowered to arreſt, and ſeize, ſuch Offenders in the Eaſt-Indies, and to ſend them to England, there to anſwer for the ſaid Offence; And every Britiſh Subject, who ſhall procure, ſollicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commiſſion, Authority, or Paſs, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to ſail, or go, or trade, in, or to the Eaſt-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every ſuch Offence, 500*l.*

7th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By another Act paſſed in the 7th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, every Subject of His Majeſty, who ſhall go to, or ſhall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and ſhall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, is to pay, and ſuffer ſuch Fine, and Impriſonment, as the Court ſhall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that ſhall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the Eaſt-Indies or purchaſed there, by any ſuch Offenders, or that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with double the Value thereof.

9th Geo. I. *Cap.* 26.] By an Act paſſed in the 9th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects are prohibited from ſubſcribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June, 1723, to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, and from being intereſted in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of ſuch Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Intereſt, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any ſuch Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney-General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, againſt ſuch Offenders, for the Diſcovery of ſuch Offence; which Diſcovery ſuch Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney-General's waving in ſuch Bill, the ſaid Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and inſiſting only on the Single Value thereof; And in ſuch Caſe, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by ſuch Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majeſty accepting of any Truſt, or knowing of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhall have, or be intitled to, in any ſuch Foreign Company; and who ſhall not, within Six Months, next after the Accepting ſuch Truſt, or coming to the Knowledge of ſuch Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern, as aforeſaid, truly diſcover the ſame in Writing to the Eaſt-India Company, or their Court of Directors, ſhall forfeit Treble the Value of the Intereſt ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known and not diſcovered, as aforeſaid; and any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

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And

And all His Majeſty's Subjects, (other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the Eaſt-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime, and Miſdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Puniſhment, Impriſonment, or Fine, for the ſame, at the Diſcretion of ſuch of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, where the Proſecution for ſuch Offence ſhall be commenced.

And every Perſon ſo offending may be ſeized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, until ſufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced, to anſwer the ſame, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. *Cap.* 14.] By an Act paſſed in the 3d Year of His preſent Majeſty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majeſty's Subjects (other than the Eaſt-India Company, and thoſe licenſed by them) ſhall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, every ſuch Offender ſhall incur the Forfeiture, and Loſs, of all the Ships, and Veſſels, employed in ſuch Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and alſo all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were ſent to, acquired, traded, or adventured, within the Eaſt-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the ſame, and Double the Value thereof.

Naples, Sep. 20. The King has appointed Don Marcel Caſani, to be Archbiſhop of Otranto. Yeſterday being the Feaſt of St. Januarius, Patron of this Kingdom, the ſame was celebrated as uſual, great Numbers of Perſons, many of whom were of the firſt Diſtinction, going all Day long to Church to pay their Devotions to the Relicks of that Saint. The Auditor of the Army, and two other Comiſſaries, are gone, by his Majeſty's Expreſs Orders, to Peſcara, to examine a Captain of a Company in the Regiment called Royal Palermo, now in Garriſon at that Place, who is ſecured there on a violent Suſpicion of having poiſoned his Wife. On Wedneſday laſt thirteen Malefactors, who have been for ſome Time confined in the Priſons of this City, received their Sentence, by Virtue of which, four of them are to ſuffer Death, and the reſt to be ſent to work in the Gallies during Life.

Rome, Sept. 23. The Pope has conferred on Cardinal Tamburini, the Place which the late Cardinal Spinola held in the Congregation de Propaganda Fide. Yeſterday there was a ſecret Conſiſtory at the Quirinal, to examine into the Character and Qualifications of the Abbe Zoila, who was lately named to the Biſhoprick of Rimini. Count de Stadion, the new Auditor de Rota for Germany, had his firſt private Audience of the Pope on Wedneſday laſt, to which he was introduced with the accuſtomed Ceremonies. A violent Shock of an Earthquake was felt in the Night between the 19th and 20th Inſtant, at Freſcati, Marino, and ſeveral other Places in that Neighbourhood, which greatly alarmed the Inhabitants, but the ſame happily went off without doing any conſiderable Damage. M. Cortada, who has reſided here for ſome Years in Quality of Auditor de Rota for the Kingdom of Arragon, ſet out from hence a few Days ago for Spain, to take Poſſeſſion of the Biſhoprick of Zamora, to which he was lately named by his Catholick Majeſty. The Pope's Gallies, which have been cruizing the greateſt Part of the Summer againſt the Barbary Pyrates, are returned to Civitta Vecchia, where they are ordered to be unrigged and laid up for the Winter.

Genoa, Sept. 24. We are informed by the Maſter of a Tartane juſt arrived in this Port from Marſeilles, that the Squadron of French Men of War, which lately ſailed from Ajaccio, and afterwards touched at the Gulph of Spezzia, arrived at Toulon on the 15th Inſtant, where they were unrigging, in order to be laid up.

Vienna, Sept. 30. Baron Bachoff, the Daniſh Miniſter, who has been on a Tour to Ratisbon, returned here the Beginning of this Week, and Yeſterday he waited on their Imperial Majeſties at Schonbrun, and met with a moſt gracious Reception. The Marqueſs Durazzo, heretofore Envoy Extraordinary from Genoa, having quitted the Service of that Republick, and entred into that of this Court, it is expected he will ſhortly be named to ſome important Employment. Count Caunitz is ſoon expected here on his Return from his Embaſſy to the Court of France; and though no one is as yet appointed to ſucceed him, it is generally believed it will be Count Stahremberg.

Madrid, Oct. 2. This Morning M. Wall, Ambaſſador from this Court to his Britannick Majeſty, ſet out on his Return to London: The King was pleaſed ſome Days ago to promote his Excellency to the Rank of Lieutenant General. On the 23d of laſt Month, his Majeſty's Birth-day, the King diſpoſed of three vacant Collars in the Order of the Golden Fleece, in Favour of the Duke of Solferino, Grand Maſter of the Queen's Houſhold; Prince Maſſerano, Captain of the Italian Company of Horſe Guards; and the Prince de St. Nicandro, formerly Ambaſſador from the King of Naples to this Court. The ſame Day the Queen was pleaſed to appoint the Dutcheſs of Arcos to be one of her Majeſty's Ladies of the Bedchamber. There is Advice from Alicant, that two Spaniſh Men of War and four ſmall Xebeques arrived in that Port the latter End of laſt Month, having on board the Regiment of Brabant, which they had brought from the Iſland of Majorca.

Hambourg,

Hambourg, Oct. 6. By Letters received this Poſt from Petersbourg we are informed, that the Empreſs of Ruſſia had learnt by an Expreſs, that the City of Caſan, the Capital of the Kingdom of that Name, had been almoſt reduced to Aſhes by a terrible Fire that broke out there on the 15th of laſt Month.

Berlin, Oct. 6. The King has lately made ſeveral Promotions in his Army. Baron Scheffer, late Envoy Extraordinary from Sweden to the Court of France, who has been here about a Fortnight, and had the greateſt Reſpect ſhewn him, even by his Majeſty and the reſt of the Royal Family, ſet out from hence on Friday laſt on his Return to Stockholm. The Count de Gronsfeld, Miniſter from the States General of the United Provinces to this Court, has of late had frequent Conferences with his Majeſty's Miniſtry, in Relation to the Payment of a large Sum of Money lent ſome Time ſince by the Dutch on Eaſt Frizeland; and 'tis thought, by the Methods that are now taking, that Affair will ſoon be ſettled entirely to the Satisfaction of all Parties.

Bruſſels, Oct. 9. Prince Charles of Lorrain, Governor General of the Low Countries, propoſes to ſet out from hence in a few Days for Mons, in order to view the Fortifications of that City, and ſome other Places in its Neighbourhood. A conſiderable Detachment from the Regiment of Prince Ligne, marched from hence a few Days ago for Antwerp, where it is to remain for ſome Time in Garriſon.

Hague, Oct. 12. The Duke of Brunſwick Wolfembuttel, who has been for ſome Weeks at his Government of Bois-le-Duc, is expected here towards the End of the Week. The Count and Counteſs of Winchelſea, who are returned here from the Tour they lately made to Amſterdam and North Holland, intend to ſet out on Sunday next for Helvoetſluys, in order to embark for England.

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